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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. TEXT OF SECTION ON BULGARIA IN SECRETARY'S 1972
FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE APRIL 19
FOLLOWS IN FULL:

" IN LATE 1972 THERE WERE SIGNS THAT US- BULGARIAN
RELATIONS MIGHT IMPROVE. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE SECRETARY AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BULGARIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV SHOWED INTEREST IN
ENHANCING BILATERAL TIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE
ECONOMIC FIELD. IT WAS PROPOSED THAT A HIGH-
LEVEL BULGARIAN DELEGATION VISIT THE UNITED STATES
TO STUDY STEPS TO THIS END. THE BULGARIAN GOVERN-
MENT WAS INFORMED WE WOULD WELCOME THE VISIT AND
THAT, IN THE MEANTIME, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO
SUGGEST STEPS FOR IMPROVING OUR RELATIONS.

" THE UNITED STATES AGAIN EXHIBITED AT THE PLOVDIV
INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, BUT THE LEVEL OF OUR
TRADE WITH BULGARIA REMAINED LOW. A CONSTRUCTIVE
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ASPECT OF OUR RELATIONS WAS THE CONTINUING
CONSULTATION BETWEEN US AND BULGARIAN OFFICIALS ON
WAYS TO COMBAT ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC."

2. GENERAL SECTION ON US RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF
EASTERN EUROPE, STRESSING CONCLUSION OF CONCRETE AGREE-
MENTS, POLICY PRINCIPALS, AND INCREASING ENGAGEMENT OF
EAST AND WEST EUROPE, IS REPEATED IN SEPARATE TELE-
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